



DECEMBER 2009

Comunidad

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

Mark Your Calendar

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:30. We ordinarily meet in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

December 1st

Posadas & Potluck

December 6th, 13th, 20th

Christmas Collection

January 5th

New Year's Mass

February 2nd

The Black community and Homosexuality

March 2nd

Lenten Observance

For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309 or visit our website:

www.comunidadlb.org

Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday Dec 1st Comunidad will conduct a Posadas. The word *posada* means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish, and these celebrations recreate Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem. As gays and lesbians we are still searching for acceptance within our Christian community. We invite you to participate in our version of the search for a welcoming home. Bring a flashlight to see by. After the Posadas, there will be a potluck. Comunidad will provide a main dish.

Christmas Collection

Money will be collected after all Masses in December for those less fortunate this holiday season. We are in need of your time and treasure.

In these difficult economic times, food banks are nearly empty and many go to bed hungry. All donations will be used to buy food for the hungry in our area.

Also we need volunteers to help with collections after Mass. Sign up at our Dec 1st meeting or email us about availability.

Planning

Planning for next year's events will begin shortly. Your input is wanted. Please send us your ideas.

Got Notions

Every Christmas Comunidad fills Christmas stockings for the residents of Serra Project's Casa Long Beach. These are filled with notions that members may have collected while travelling – soap, shampoo, lotion etc. Please give them to Marilyn or bring them to our December meeting.

Year's End

As the year ends, we want to thank all the committee members for their hard work – Ray for the parish festival, Anna for the retreat, Steven for Long Beach Pride, Marilyn for AIDS walk. This is indeed an abbreviated list.

Year's Beginning

One year end; other begins (barring the Armageddon). Join us on Jan 5th for our annual New Year's Mass. Come and rededicate yourself to practice your faith as a proud gay and lesbian Catholic.

Questions? Comments?
Ideas? E-Mail us at:
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!